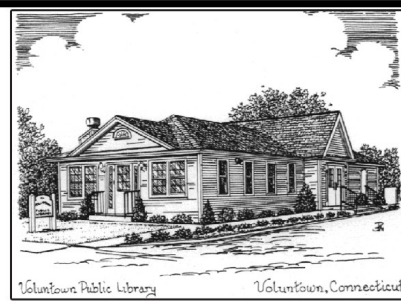


Friends of the Voluntown Library
NEWSLETTER
FOCUS ON FRIENDS

Vol. 11 - ISSUE 6 March - April 2011



Members of Cub Scout Pack 74 show off their Pinewood Derby trophies.

Library Hours through March 31

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY: 12:00-4:00 p.m.

TUESDAY: 10:30 A.M.-7:30 P.M.

THURSDAY: 2:00-6:00 p.m.

SATURDAY: 10:00 a.m. -1:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

Dear FRIENDS of the Voluntown Public Library,

Wasn't that some January?!?! Certainly it was one we won't forget soon. As our neighbors begin to emerge from hibernation and mountains of snow, they have many wonderful things to greet them in our town. Luscious suppers, dinners and breakfast, square dances, Easter events, a Civil War presentation, a Health Fair, trips...but most importantly...Spring!

So, stretch out with the Community Calendar and start making plans for when those warm Spring days arrive. They will be here sooner than you think!

Until next time...

Diana Ingraham and Anne Olsen
Co-editors, Focus on Friends
Paula Jordan, Consultant

From the Substitute Librarian's Desk:

Be sure to frequently check the library's website at www.Voluntown.gov for programs, events and news. Library happenings can also be found on Facebook.

A slide show and lecture on January 11th entitled *Birds of Prey* was an interesting hour spent looking at beautiful slides of mostly Eastern birds. Robert Tougias, author of *Birding in Western Massachusetts: a habitat guide to 26 great birding sites*, spoke for an hour about birds of prey and his favorite viewing sites.

Another slide show and lecture on February 8th about hiking in Alaska was an hour-long showcase featuring a compilation of twenty years of hiking and exploring Alaska's trails and above-tree-line hikes. Many close-up pictures of wildlife and many beautiful pictures of scenery were shared.

March's Book Club selection is *Lit: a memoir*, by Mary Karr, also the author of *The Liar's Club*, Mary Karr's account of her hardscrabble Texas childhood. *Lit* follows the self-professed black belt sinner's descent into the inferno of alcoholism and madness--and to her astonishing resurrection. *Lit* is about getting drunk and getting sober, becoming a mother by letting go of a mother and learning to write by learning to live. **Book club meetings are the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM.** All are welcome to participate.

Frequent library users come to the library for a variety of reasons. One gentleman stops by almost daily to use the public-use computers. Parents and their children stop by on a regular basis to check out books and movies. One young woman uses the library almost daily for school research, e-mailing her friends and playing computer games. The New Book section, paperback fiction section, children's books and DVD sections see constant action, as well as frequent borrowing from other libraries through the state's interlibrary loan program (ILL). If you haven't been to the library for a while, stop by and see what we have for you.

There is now a computer dedicated to accessing the library's catalog of books, books on CD and movie DVDs. Thanks to a grant from the Jewett City Bank Foundation, the library now has a new patron-use computer, making a total of four computers that library patrons can utilize. In addition, a new 70"x70" projection screen makes slide and digital presentations much more enjoyable. Finally, a new, improved patron-use copier completes the available technology.

This year's **Summer Reading Program, *One World, Many Stories***, is being planned and there is still time for adding crafts and programs. If you have a skill, interest or activity that supports a multicultural or single-culture theme that you would like to share, contact the library at 860-376-4085. Games, crafts, costumes, food or stories are activities that Voluntown's children and residents would enjoy. Any teens who would like to help the library staff provide summer reading activities, should be sure to let us know.

Finally, in light of the recent weather, the Board of Directors has ruled that **if the Voluntown Elementary School is closed due to weather conditions, the Voluntown Public Library will also be closed.**

Cathy Rubin
Substituting for Deborah Fleet



UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

YOUNG WRITERS- First Tuesday of the month from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Dates through June 2011 are:
March 1, April 5, May 3 and June 3.

ADULT WRITERS GROUP-Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:15 p.m. Dates through June 2011 are:
March 22, April 26, May 24 and June 28.

STORY TIME: Alternate Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m., ages two and up. Program is limited to twelve children.
The winter session began on January 25, 2011 and will continue through May
The dates are as follows:
March 8 and 22, April 5 and 19, May 3 and 17.

KNITTING AND CROCHET: Third Tuesday of the month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. Dates are as follows:
March 15, April 19, 2011 and May 17, 2011.

BOOK CLUB- Third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Call the library for the current selection or to join.

CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY & TACTICS:
presented by R. James Thevenet and Greg Webster, March 29, 6:30 p.m.

Call 860-376-0485 to register for programs.



Nothing says Alaska like grizzly bears. This photo was taken in Chitna, Alaska by Cathy Rubin and used as part of a slide show presentation given at the Voluntown Library in February. Just one of the many fine events that can be enjoyed at your local library.



NEW BOOKS AT THE LIBRARY

Fiction:

Tick Tock by James Patterson
The Outlaws by W.E.B. Griffin
Inner Circle by Brad Meltzer
Lake of Dreams by Kim Edwards
Sentry by Robert Crais
Strategic moves by Stuart Woods
In the Company of Others by Jan Karon
Rescue by Anita Shreve
Dead or Alive by Tom Clancy
What the Night Knows by Dean Koontz
Ape House by Sara Gruen
Crescent Dawn by Clive Cussler

Young Adult/Juvenile:

Mercy Watson: Something Wonky This Way Comes by Kate DiCamillo
Of Thee I Sing by Barack Obama
Scaredy Squirrel Has a Birthday Party by Melanie Watt
Scumble by Ingrid Law
On the Night You Were Born by Nancy Tillman
Wherever You Are My Love Will Find You by Nancy Tillman

Non-fiction:

Battle Hymn of the Tiger Mother by Amy Chua
Don't Sing at the Table: Life Lessons From My Grandmothers by Adrianna Trigiani
Epicenter: Why the Current Rumbings in the Middle East Will Change Your Future by Joel Rosenberg
Mommy Diet by Alison Sweeney
Decision Points by George W. Bush
Cleopatra: A Life by Stacy Schiff
Unbroken: A WWII Story of Survival, Resilience and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot
Roth Revolution: Pay Taxes Once and Never Again by James Lange



***Summer reading will begin at the end of June and wrap up in early August. Watch for dates in our next newsletter. This year's theme is, One World, Many Stories.**

Voluntown Library will be closed the following holidays:

Friday, April 22, 2011 (Good Friday)
 Monday, May 30, 2011 (Memorial Day)
 Monday, July 4, 2011 (Independence Day)
 Monday, September 5, 2011 (Labor Day)
 Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)

A Prayer in Spring

By Robert Frost

Oh, give us pleasure in the flowers today;
 And give us not to think so far away
 As the uncertain harvest; keep us here
 All simply in the springing of the year.

Oh, give us pleasure in the orchard white,
 Like nothing else by day, like ghosts by night;
 And make us happy in the happy bees,
 The swarm dilating round the perfect trees.

And make us happy in the darting bird
 That suddenly above the bees is heard,
 The meteor that thrusts in with needle bill,
 And off a blossom in mid air stands still.

For this is love and nothing else is love,
 To which it is reserved for God above
 To sanctify to what far ends he will,
 But which it only needs that we fulfill.



From the Selectmen's Office

On behalf of the Board of Selectman, I want to thank all of the volunteers who helped remove snow from the roof of the Voluntown Elementary School on February 6, 2011.

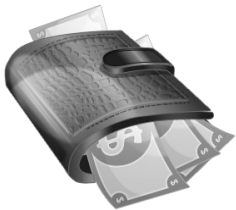
Although there was no indication that the roof was in danger of collapse, the School Administration, Fire Department and Town Officials felt it would be safest to take a proactive stance and clear the oldest section of the roof where the snow was several feet deep. Approximately forty volunteers responded to an informal, word of mouth request for help and within a short time the roof was cleared.

I am grateful to live and work in a town that is committed to a sense of "community" and proud of the citizens who always give of their time and energy.

Revaluation is now complete and the Selectmen, as well as the Town's Boards and Commissions, are working on the budget for Fiscal Year 2011/2012. Public Hearings on the proposed budget will take place in April. Please plan on attending these meetings if you have any questions.

As always, I am available to address your questions or concerns. Please do not hesitate to call the Selectmen's office at 860-376-5880 and I will be glad to help you.

Ronald Millovitsch
First Selectman



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

If you were 65 or older on December 31, 2010, or if you are totally disabled, you MAY be eligible for a Tax Relief Program offered by the State of Connecticut. This is an income-based program. Please call the Assessor's office Monday through Friday, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for details. Eligible applicants may apply between February 1 and May 15, 2011.





RABIES CLINIC

April 16 – 1:00 to 2:30
Voluntown Town Garage on Gate Street

Cost: \$10 per animal – cash only

All dogs must be on leashes

All cats must be in crates

Everyone is welcome!

For more information, call Flo Harman at 860-376-3659



Voluntown Elementary School

Dear Friends of the Voluntown Library:

We are proud to announce the names of students who attained honor roll status for the second marking period.

Fourth Grade

High Honors

Kelly Kamienski
Calla Millovitsch

Honors

Sydney Brewer
Scott Davidson
Sequoia Doran
Shayne Evans

Honors

Julia Florence
Hannah Girard
Ashley LaFerriere
Michael Mallett
Ryan Owens

Honors

Jenna Schwery
Alexandra Shotts
Ethan Spivey
Madison Stripling
Georgia Woodcock

Fifth Grade

High Honors

Jessica Bryan
Marshall Giroux
Ryan Kornacki
Mackenna Martinez
Juliet Wittwer

Honors

Logan Bridgham
Kelly Daigneault
Alexander Fitzpatrick

Honors

Amber Gardiner
Christopher Ladyga
Nathan McLallen

Honors

Declan O'Donnell
Hayley Thompson
Alyssa Welsch
Spencer Whelan

Sixth Grade

High Honors

Gabrielle Christy
Johnathan Florence
Eli Lachapelle
Emma Mandeville
Devin Mitchell
Alan Rondeau
Morgan Smith
Elizabeth Wyland

Honors

Noah LePage
Nicole Palmer

Honors

Joshua Rix
Olivia Torres

Seventh Grade

High Honors

Amanda Hartman
Cassidy Martinez
Christina Theroux

Honors

Quinten Arsenault
Meghan Cook

Honors

Peyton Marler
Jacob Tatro

Eighth Grade

High Honors

Kendra Hazard
Kylie Holland
Sydney Pepper
Breanna Salter
Megan Weir

Honors

Heather Edwards
Wyatt Giroux

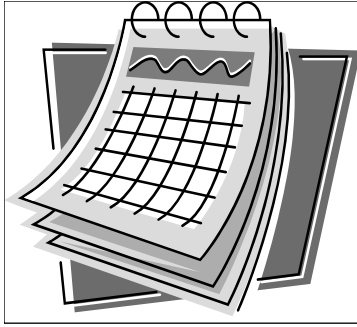
Honors

Sarah Lathrop
Dylan Maynard
Christina Wyland

March is CMT month in Connecticut. Students in Grades 3 through 8 are tested throughout the month. Please be sure students have a good night's sleep and a good breakfast each day. Attendance is important as students must make up any missed test. Try to plan any March appointments for after school hours. Thank you.

Spring Recess is April 18th through April 22nd. Enjoy!

Sincerely,
Mary T. Chinigo



Changes to the school calendar due to inclement weather cancellations:

At the February 10, 2011 Board of Education meeting, the Board made the following changes to the school calendar:

Tuesday, February 22nd and Friday, March 18th will now be school days.

Board of Education and Superintendent Work on 2011/2012 Budget

The process for the development of the education budget for 2011/12 has begun using the following timeline developed in cooperation with town officials. All budget meetings are open to interested citizens.

Thursday, 3/10/11 — Updated 11/12 budget proposal presented to Board 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 3/31/11 — 11/12 Proposed Budget sent to Town Clerk for public dissemination

Tuesday, 4/5/11 — Public Hearing for 11/12 Proposed Budget 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, 4/14/11 — Board of Education approves 11/12 Proposed Budget 7:00 p.m.

Friday, 4/15/11 — Approved Budget delivered to Town Clerk for public dissemination

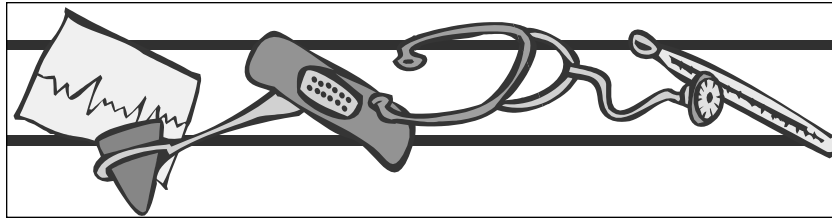
Thursday, 5/12/11 — Projected date for Annual Town Meeting to vote on the Town and Board of Education Budgets to be held at Voluntown Elementary School gymnasium 7:00 p.m.

Submitted by: Adam S. Burrows, Superintendent
Diana M. Ingraham, Board Chair

\$1,000 For Voluntown!

Thanks to the efforts of members of the Voluntown Substance Abuse Prevention Council and with tremendous cooperation from the community, Voluntown has been awarded \$1,000 by the Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC). SERAC recently sponsored an on-line survey of adults in their twenty-town region asking about attitudes toward, and perceptions of, underage drinking. To encourage participation, SERAC promised to award \$1,000 to be used for prevention efforts in the town with the highest percentage of respondents to the survey. Voluntown, with a participation rate of 8.5%, had the highest percentage among the twenty towns.

A spokesperson for the Voluntown Council stated that the members were confident that if they could get the word out, Voluntown residents would respond. The Fire Department, clergy in our three local churches, local merchants, the PTO and parents of many Voluntown youth responded to our request to publicize and complete the survey. A portion of the funds will be directed toward the Community Health Fair to be held on April 1 in the school gym.



Community Health Fair
Friday, April 1, 2011 — 1:00 to 6:00 p.m.
Voluntown Elementary School Gym

On Friday, April 1, 2011 from 1:00 to 6:00, a Health Fair will be held in the Voluntown Elementary School gym. Students will be attending the Fair between the hours of 1:00 and 3:00, and will be learning about issues of health and safety, as well as possible careers in those fields. The general public is invited to attend at any time between 1:00 and 6:00.

The Voluntown Substance Abuse Prevention Council and the Board of Education are sponsoring the Health Fair. It will feature a broad variety of presentations relating to health and safety. Among the numerous providers who will be present are:

- the UNCAS Health District
- United Child and Family Services (UCFS)
- the Southeastern Regional Action Council (SERAC)
- Backus Hospital
- the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)
- Premier Laboratory (well water testing)
- the Voluntown Fire Department

Every effort is being made to provide as many health screenings as possible, including blood pressure and bone density.

Used prescription glasses will be collected for donation to the Lions Club. Refreshments will be served and door prizes awarded.



News from Aura Hall

As we come out of the snow of 2011, we look forward to the 87th year of activities at Aura Hall. Everyone is welcome to events and membership meetings. Look for the Opening Market Place or "Tori" on Saturday, May 7th, the Memorial Day Dance, Chicken Barbeques on the newly constructed barbeque, pulla lessons and more.

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

1	LIBRARY	YOUNG WRITERS' GROUP	5:00-6:00
7	SENIORS GRANGE	MONTHLY MEETING MONTHLY MEETING	2:00 7:30
8	LIBRARY	STORY TIME	11:00
12	GRANGE	CORNER BEEF & CABBAGE SUPPER	5:00-7:00
15	LIBRARY	KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP	6:15-7:30
16	LIBRARY	BOOK CLUB	7:00
19	FIRE HOUSE GRANGE	STEAK DINNER SQUARE DANCE	6:00 7:30
20	BAPTIST CHURCH	ANGEL FOOD ORDERS DUE	
22	LIBRARY LIBRARY	STORY TIME ADULT WRITERS' GROUP	11:00 7:15
26	BAPTIST CHURCH	ANGEL FOOD DISTRIBUTION	6:30-10:00 AM
29	LIBRARY	CIVIL WAR ARTILLERY & TACTICS	6:30

"Despite March's windy reputation, winter isn't really blown away; it is washed away. It flows down all the hills, goes swirling down the valleys and spills out to sea. Like so many of this earth's elements, winter itself is soluble in water."

~~Unknown

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



1	SCHOOL	COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR	1:00-6:00
4	SENIORS GRANGE	MONTHLY MEETING MONTHLY MEETING	1:00 7:30
5	LIBRARY LIBRARY SCHOOL	STORY TIME YOUNG WRITERS' GROUP PUBLIC HEARING FOR TOWN BUDGETS	11:00 5:00-6:00 7:00
8	GRANGE	CHOWDER N' CLAMCAKES SUPPER	5:00-7:00
10	LIVING WORD	BENTHOMAS-PARTNERS IN ASIAN MINISTRY	9:30 AM
15	GRANGE	CHOWDER N' CLAMCAKES SUPPER	5:00-7:00
16	BAPTIST CHURCH FIRE HOUSE GRANGE	ANGEL FOOD ORDERS DUE FISHERMAN'S BREAKFAST SQUARE DANCE	4:00-11:00 AM 7:30
19	LIBRARY LIBRARY	STORY TIME KNITTING/CROCHET GROUP	11:00 6:15-7:30
20	LIBRARY	BOOK CLUB FRIENDS MEETING	7:00 7:00
21	BAPTIST CHURCH	MAUNDY THURSDAY POTLUCK	6:00
22	BAPTIST CHURCH GRANGE	PRAYER VIGIL CHOWDER N' CLAMCAKES SUPPER	5:00-7:00
23	BAPTIST CHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH	EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST ANGEL FOOD DISTRIBUTION	9:00-10:30 AM 6:30-10:00 AM
24	BAPTIST CHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH LIVING WORD	SUNRISE SERVICE—BREAKFAST FOLLOWING EASTER SERVICE RESURRECTION CELEBRATION	9:00 AM 9:30 AM
26	LIBRARY	ADULT WRITERS' GROUP	7:15

"April is a promise that May is bound to keep." ~ ~ Hal Borland

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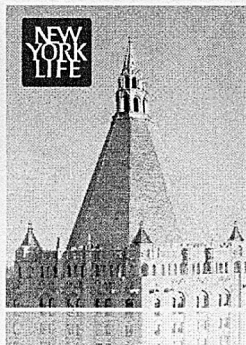
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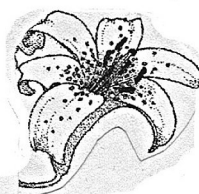
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Spring

Scouting Around Town

Cub Scouts Pack 74

The Annual Pinewood Derby was held in January. Winners of the King of the Hill were: First Place, Joey Beausoleil; Second Place, Shane Cady and Third Place, Liam Shotts. Congratulations to all the winners

We also have eight Scouts going to District on March 19 to compete against other packs in New London County. We wish them all Good Luck!

On February 25th we had our annual Blue and Gold Banquet in the Fellowship Hall at Voluntown Baptist Church to celebrate the boys' achievements. All worked hard to receive their badges. This was very exciting for them.

Our next event will be a Fisherman's Breakfast fundraiser on April 16th from 4:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Voluntown Fire Department. Pancakes, eggs, bacon, sausage, juice and coffee will be on the menu. They put in a lot of hard work to make it a success, so please come and support them.

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Girl Scout Troop 63134

Initial ordering for the Annual Girl Scout cookie sale has just finished. If you didn't get to order cookies, look for cookie booths that will be popping up around town beginning in March.

The girls in the troop are very busy working toward their goals. Some of the Junior Scouts are in the process of earning the Bronze Award which is the third highest award a girl can earn. This requires learning about, planning, organizing and taking action on a project that will benefit the community. A few of the girls have already completed their projects...and did a great job!

In March we will be heading to Camp Pattagansett for a camping adventure. The theme for the weekend is *Healthy Eating and Exercise*. Along with team-building skills to make meals and get the kapers or camp tasks done, it should be a fun weekend.

Girl Scouts is open to any girl ages 5 to 17. We currently have three troops that are active in town and would always make room for more girls. We are also in need of adult volunteers to guide the girls through the stages of scouting. If you and/or your daughter are interested, please give me a call.

Vicki Schwery, Leader
Girl Scout Troop 63134



SENIOR CITIZEN HIGHLIGHTS

February's meeting took an exciting turn with a visit from Groton's "Sunshine Chorus" and "The Swinging Star Dancers". Monthly entertainment will continue, thanks to the efforts of the new Entertainment Committee.

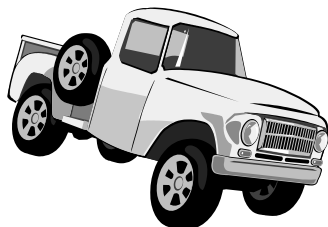
The **Plainfield Chorus** will be performing their "Annual Show" at the March meeting and in April the **Golden Glow Chorus** from Colchester will sing and teach the "electric slide". Fun, fun, fun!

With the return of our Trip Coordinator, Audrey Grenier, we are looking forward to the following trips:

March 16	Newport Playhouse to see "Norman, Is That You?" followed by a buffet dinner
April 13	"Making of a President" at the J.F.K. Library in Boston and dinner at Maggian's in Little Italy
May 21	The Sprit of Boston dinner cruise
June 22	Bill Foster's Lobster Bake and Sand Sculptures
July	Lighthouse Cruise and dinner
August 4	Music Theatre to see "Cabaret" followed by dinner at Hart's Turkey Farm
September 7	Martha's Vineyard

Seniors meet the first Monday of each month at 1:00 at the Fire House. If there is a Monday holiday, we meet the next day (Tuesday). Storms cancel meetings. Light refreshments are served and blood pressure screening is also available.

Anyone who lives or owns property in Voluntown and is at least 55 years of age is welcome to join. If you have questions or want to sign up for a trip, call Audrey Grenier at 860-376-3869.



Drive to Survive Truck Show

Sunday, May 22, 2011

8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Constitution Field

Food, music, games, baskets.

Donation of \$5 requested.

Registration fee for anyone who would like to show their truck.

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For more information contact Belinda at bwiese286@sbcglobal.net

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Danny

Oh Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling,
 From glen to glen and on the mountainside.
 The summer's gone and all the leaves are falling,
 'Tis you must go, 'tis you must go and I must bide!

But come you back when summer's in the meadow,
 Or when the valley's hush and white with snow!
 Then I'll be there in sunshine or in shadow,
 O Danny Boy, O Danny Boy, I love you so!

And if you come when all the flowers are dying
 And I am dead, as dead as well may be
 You'll come and find the place where I am lying
 And kneel and say an "Ave" there for me.

And I shall hear, tho soft you tread above me
 And all my dreams will warm and sweeter be
 If you'll not fail to tell me that you love me
 I simply sleep in peace until you come to me.

O Danny Boy, O Danny Boy, I love you so!

Focus on Friends News Deadlines

<u>ISSUE</u>	<u>Article Deadline</u>	<u>Distribution Date</u>
May/June	April 15	May 1
July/August	June 15	July 1
September/October	August 15	September 1

What's Up On the Hill—Ekonk Community Grange

We had an awesome evening of family fun at the Annual January Casino Night. There are a lot of exciting things coming up as well!

On Saturday, March 12th, we will have a **Corned Beef and Cabbage Supper** from 5:00 to 7:00. The all-you-can-eat traditional Irish meal is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children twelve and under, preschoolers admitted free. Folks are asked to bring a non-perishable food item which will be boxed up for needy families. A drawing will be held from among those donating food items. The winner will receive a gift certificate for a pie from Ekonk Hill Turkey Farm!

Saturday, March 19th will be the first in a series of three **Square Dances** beginning at 7:30 with caller Joe LoPresti and his band, "Country Friends". First timers or experienced dancers are welcome. Admission is \$5. April 16th and May 21st are the other two dates. Plan on attending!

We will also have a series of **Chowder n' Clamcakes Suppers** on Fridays: April 8th, April 15th and April 22nd. All will be from 5:00 to 7:00; \$8 for adults, \$4 for children twelve and under, preschoolers free. They will be all-you-can-eat meals!

We continue to meet the first Monday of every month at 7:30 and anyone is welcome to join us. You do not have to be a member. Come visit and you may decide you want to join us!

Our young folks play volleyball every Sunday night at the Sterling Municipal Building gym. They had fun at a sledding party and are organizing a marching drill team. Call Katie Molodich (860-564-1117) if you want to participate in any of the young people's activities.

We have received many membership citations from the National Grange and will set a date in early summer for the presentations. Twelve members, ranging from 25 years of continuous membership to an amazing 75 years of continuous membership will receive awards! Amazing achievements!

If you have any questions on events or programs, feel free to call 860-564-2131. Our door is always open!

Russell Gray

St. Thomas Travelers

When the winter weather is behind us and with gas prices going up, why not think of getting away and traveling with a local group. Everyone is invited to join us. St. Thomas Travelers will be offering the following trips for 2011:

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| April 9 | Shopping and browsing at the Rockingham Mall in Salem, NH and Kittery Outlets in Kittery, ME — \$38 |
| May 21-22 | Bucks County Shrine tour — Padre Pio and Our Lady of Czestochowa — \$159 |
| June 9-12 | Quebec City — passports are needed — \$585 |
| July 23 | Spirit of Boston — 2 1/2 hour tour of historic Boston harbor aboard a 600-passenger luxury cruiser — seaside luncheon and entertainment, time at Quincy Market — \$73 |
| September 10 | Divine Mercy Shrine at Stockbridge, MA — \$44 |
| October 16-18 | Grand Canyon of Pennsylvania — discover the Grand Canyon of PA, a natural wonder formed over six million years ago. Situated on 165,000 acres, view the Canyon's beauty on an unforgettable wagon ride. Enjoy a dinner cruise on the Susquehanna River aboard an historic paddlewheeler. Dine at a fabulous Victorian mansion. — \$419 |
| November 5 | Shopping getaway to Vanity Fair and Providence Place Mall — \$27 |

For more information, contact Pat Gwiazda at 860-376-9952



St. Thomas Parish

61 Preston City Road, P O Box 99 — 376-2293
Rev. Augustine Naduvilekoot

Weekend Masses:

St. Thomas: Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.
Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

St. Anne: Sunday at 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Masses: Monday through Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
except Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

Holy Rosary is recited after daily morning Mass, Saturday Vigil and Sunday Mass

Adoration and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament is held every First

Friday of the month from 8:00 to 9:30 a.m. with the Chaplet of Divine
Mercy and Solemn Benediction.

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 10:30 Mass. Please call the
Rectory in advance. Preparation class is required for all parents.

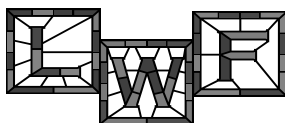
Religious Education Classes for children are held on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for
grades one through ten as per the schedule. Classes are under the direction of the pastor
and director, Cathy Becotte—376-8665.

Parish Registration: Catholics moving into the parish should register as soon as possible. Also please
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St. Thomas Travelers

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April 10th -9:30 AM- Ben Thomas - Partners in Asian Ministries

April 24th – 9:30 AM Resurrection Celebration

Church phone: 860-376-6577

Check out our website or find us on Facebook!

Home group information also available online.

Voluntown Baptist Church
52 Main Street, P O Box 508
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SUNDAY

Worship Service is held each week at 9:00am with coffee and fellowship immediately following the

service. Supervised childcare is available during the service.

Children's Sunday School is available each week following the service 10:30am to 11:30am. *

Adult Sunday School is available each week following the service 10:30am to 11:30am. *

Youth Group meets each week 6:30pm-8:00 pm. This is open to all community students in grades 7-12.

TUESDAY

Women's Group holds their meeting each second Tuesday of the month. You do not have to be an officer to attend these meetings!

WEDNESDAY

Family Fellowship Night is held each week beginning at 5:30 pm with dinner being served and followed by Bible classes for all ages. This is open to anyone seeking spiritual fellowship and great food!

Adult Choir is held at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. New members always welcome!

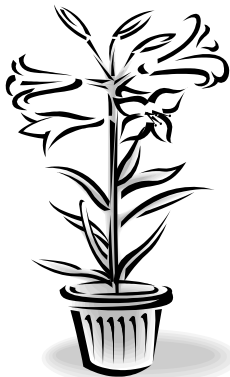
THURSDAY

T.O.P.S. (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) holds meetings each week at 5:45 pm. This is open to anyone interested in joining.

FRIDAY

Children's Playgroup meets each week at 9:30am. Come enjoy adult conversation while the children enjoy playtime with peers. All ages of children welcome!

*There are various Bible Studies held throughout the week as well as Sunday School classes. Contact the church office for a complete list of these studies and the times they meet. Everyone is always invited and welcome to join!!



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